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In re Application of : Stephen Alan Cohen, et al.  
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TO: The Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 13, 2005, please amend the claims of the above-identified application as set forth in attached Appendix A.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 - 13 were originally filed in the instant application. Claims 1 - 13 were canceled

and claims 14 - 21 have been substituted therefor.

Applicants respectfully state that the instant application is a divisional application of an application which eventuated into U.S. Patent 6,657,305, which *prima facie*, indicates patentable subject matter in the disclosure. They have attempted herein to revise the claims to cover the subject matter which is allowable. (Emphasis added)

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